

REMARKS

Claims 6-16 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-5 and 16 have been cancelled. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 6-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fallahi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,406,462, hereinafter Fallahi) in view of Davenport et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,343,367, hereinafter Davenport). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

At the outset, Applicants note that claim 11 has been amended to include “conical end portions.” The Examiner previously rejected claim 6 with a similar limitation, stating that Fallahi has ends defined by conical end portions extending from the semi-ellipsoid portions. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner’s definition of “conical sections.” Fallahi discloses an end portion that is a hyperboloid. A conic section is not a hyperboloid by definition, as its sides are generally linear. The generally linear walls of the conical section provide reflective properties different than those of a hyperboloid section. There is further no suggestion in either Fallahi or Davenport of using conical end portions. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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